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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Ferguson, et al.  
Application No. : 10/678894  
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For : Apparatus And Method For Securing Items To A Hangable Merchandiser

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Dear Sir:

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**UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application or, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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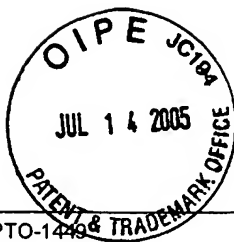
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